

Minutes of the February 28, 2007, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Pfannenstiel.

Present:

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chairman

James D. Boyd, Vice Chair

Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Commissioner

John L. Geesman, Commissioner

Jeffrey D. Byron, Commissioner

Chairman Pfannenstiel announced that Item 1d. is moved from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Item 6 has been removed from the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.)
  - a. WIND TOWER SYSTEMS LLC. Possible approval of a no-cost amendment to PIER agreement PIR-04-012 with Wind Tower Composites LLC for a name change to Wind Tower Systems LLC. The grant recipient has provided documentation of the company's name change in Utah and with the California Secretary of State. Contact: Peter Spaulding.
  - b. UTILITY ENERGY FORUM. Possible approval of Contract 400-06-014 for \$6,000 with Utility Energy Forum to co-sponsor the 27<sup>th</sup> *Annual Utility Energy Forum* in Tahoe City, California May 2-4, 2007. Co-sponsorship will give Energy Commission staff a voting position on the forum's steering committee and participation in discussions that will shape the forum's agenda and scope, as well as opportunities to participate as panel members or workshop leaders. (ERPA funding) Contact: Maura Clark.
  - c. WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION/THOMSON WEST. Possible approval of Contract 140-06-001 for \$11,932 with West Publishing Corporation, d.b.a. Thomson West, for online legal database, research and information services. (ERPA funding) Contact: Liz Flores.

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of Consent Calendar items 1a., 1b., and 1 c. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

- d. SMITHER'S SCIENTIFIC SERVICES, INC. Possible approval of no-cost Amendment 1 to Contract 600-04-017 with Smither's Scientific, Inc. to eliminate Task 6 and modify the scope of work and deliverable due dates. The purpose of the contract is to conduct tire testing analyses on selected tires sold in California to examine longevity, safety, ease of recycling, and establish a useable database. Contact: Mike Trujillo.

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 600-04-017. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

2. CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONING COLLABORATIVE. Possible approval of Contract 400-06-013 for \$50,000 with California Commissioning Collaborative (CCC) to renew the Energy Commission's membership for one year. The CCC is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization committed to improving the performance of buildings and their systems. The CCC is made up of government, utility and building services organizations and professionals who have come together to create a viable market for building commissioning in California. (ERPA funding) Contact: Tav Commins. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of Contract 400-06-013. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

3. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY – LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY. Possible approval of Contract 500-06-033 for \$450,000 with the U. S. Department of Energy – Lawrence Livermore Laboratory for technical oversight of data collection, distribution, and evaluation of statewide geothermal resources. (PIER electricity funding) Contact: William Glassley. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of Contract 500-06-033. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

4. CENTER FOR CLEAN AIR POLICY. Possible approval of Contract 500-06-026 for \$60,000 with Center for Clean Air Policy to renew the Energy Commission's membership for three years. (PIER electricity funding) Contact: Marla Mueller. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of Contract 500-06-026. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

5. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. Possible approval of Contract 500-06-032 for \$75,000 with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to perform supplementary research activities and specialized laboratory work for two PIER greenhouse gas (GHG) monitoring projects (under contract numbers 500-06-019 and 500-06-006). NOAA will provide third-party validation of a breakthrough instrument capable of real-time isotopic GHG measurements that is under demonstration in a project with Gas Technology Institute (GTI). Additionally, NOAA will assist the GTI project and a related project with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory by providing laboratory analysis of air samples for halocarbons, important trace gases that help identify GHG emission sources. (PIER natural gas funding) Contact: Brian Ellis. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of Contract 500-06-032. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

6. LOS MEDANOS ENERGY CENTER PROJECT. 98-AFC-1C. Possible approval of an amendment to reduce the annual particulate matter smaller than 10 microns (PM10) emission limit for the Los Medanos Energy Center Project from 131.6 tons to 69.2 tons

and obtain an emission reduction credit refund from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Contact: Jeri Zene Scott. (10 minutes)

*Item 6 was taken off the agenda.*

7. RULES PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE & POWER PLANT SITE CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS. 04-SIT-2. Public Hearing and possible adoption of Revisions and Amendments to the Energy Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure & Power Plant Site Certification Regulations*. Contact: James W. Reede, Jr. (15 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Byron seconded adoption of the revisions and amendments. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CAP RECOMMENDATIONS possible adoption of an Order Instituting Informational Proceeding to collaborate with the California Public Utilities Commission to craft and possibly adopt a set of recommendations to California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the electricity sector on the implementation of AB 32, which requires CARB to adopt a GHG emissions cap on all major sources, including the electricity and natural gas sectors, to reduce statewide emissions of GHGs to 1990 levels. Contact: Lisa DeCarlo (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded adoption of the Order. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

9. RETAIL PRICE FORECAST DATA REQUEST. Possible adoption of *Forms and Instructions for Publicly Owned Utilities Submitting Retail Price Forecast Data*. This publication represents a formal request to California's major publicly-owned utilities and for selected cost and sales data needed to prepare a ten-year forecast of electricity prices for the *2007 Integrated Energy Policy Report*. Contact: Mignon Marks. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded adoption of the forms and instructions. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

10. **Minutes**  
Approval of the February 14, 2007, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the minutes. The vote was 4-0-1. Commissioner Pfannenstiel abstained.*

11. **Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion** - None
12. **Chief Counsel's Report** – None
13. **Executive Director's Report** – Executive Director B. B. Blevins requested a closed session on personnel matters pursuant to Government Code, Section 11126(a).
14. **Legislative Director's Report** – Legislative Director Mike Smith gave the report.

15. **Public Adviser's Report** - None

**Appearances:**

Mr. Jerry Jordan, California Municipal Utilities Association

**Public Comment** - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pfannenstiel at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted

HARRIET KALLEMEYN  
Secretary to the Commission